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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF LETTER SUBMITTED IN
RUSSIAN TODAY TO MFA FROM AMBASSADOR:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. A.M. REKUNKOV
FIRST DEPUTY PROSECUTOR GENERAL OF THE USSR

DEAR MR. REKUNKOV:

AS THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, I HEREBY
GIVE THE USSR PROCURACY THE ASSURANCE OF MY
GOVERNMENT AND MY PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT IF FRANCIS
J. CRAWFORD, WHO IS A U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYED IN THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN MOWCOW OF THE AMERICAN
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FIRM INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, AND WHO HAS BEEN
CHARGED WITH VIOLATING SOVIET LAWS, IS RELEASED
TO MY PERSONAL CUSTODY, HE WILL APPEAR BEFORE SOVIET
INVESTIGATIVE AND JUDICIAL ORGANS AT ANY TIME REQUIRED
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION OR BY THE
APPROPRIATE SOVIET ORGANS SO LONG AS THE PROCEEDINGS
IN WHICH HE IS A DEFENDANT ARE PENDING. I FURTHER

ASSURE THE USSR PROCURACY THAT FRANCIS J. CRAWFORD
WILL OBSERVE THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS ON
TRAVEL AS ARE APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE STAFFS OF
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN FIRMS ACCREDITED
IN MOSCOW, AND THAT HE WILL NOT LEAVE THE SOVIET
UNION WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF COMPETENT SOVIET
ORGANS.

THESE ASSURANCES ARE GIVEN WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT
FOR THE JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
USSR PROCURACY. (SIGNED) MALCOLM TOON

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